

**Number of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres run by the
Mangalore Municipality.**

***Q.—1201. Sri S. GOPALA SALENNA (Mudabidri).—**

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres run by the Mangalore Municipality ;

(b) whether there is any woman Medical Officer's post in the Maternity and Child Welfare Department of Public Health in the Mangalore Municipality ;

(c) whether there was a Maternity Centre at Souterpeta for a good number of years for the benefit of the public particularly where the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward and other labouring classes reside, if so, where it was shifted now and why ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Kankanady Maternity Centre was shifted to small upstairs room in which the Sanitary Inspector's Office and Deaths and Births Registrar's Offices are also located ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Municipality has recently decided to close this long existing Maternity Centre and if so why ?

A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(a) Six.

(b) Yes. There is one post of Woman Medical Officer in the Municipality.

(c) Yes. There was a Maternity Centre at Souterpeta but this centre was originally located at Kankanady and was shifted to Souterpeta in January 1957 for the reason that the building was found inconvenient for a Maternity Centre. In November 1962 the Centre was re-transferred to Kankanady to the same building as the building at Souterpeta was in no way better than the one at Kankanady.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes, for the following reasons :—

1. The existing building is not suitable.
2. There is a Maternity and Nursing Home near Kankanady. Hence, the cases registered in the Centre are very few.
3. No suitable building for the Centre in Souterpeta or in the vicinity thereof is readily available.